Michigan Beekeepers' Association
January 3, 2015


Meeting called to order at 10:17am. (Call to order delayed due to poor driving conditions)

Changes for agenda called for. No changes.

Motion to accept the Secretary's Minutes, passed.

**Treasurer's Report (S. Tilmann):** Due to lack of projector, Tilmann gave a synopsis from memory. There have been little to no changes, however, he did note that there was some pre-registration for the spring conference already.

Financials have been put right, as Hackenberg has been given his honorarium. A memorial contribution to the Freemont Foundation has been made in the name of Jay Harman and Gilbert Terry. David Anthony still needs to get the family information to Tilmann for the family of Todd Cook.

PayPal no longer handles our online payments.

Honey Locator and Swarm Locator maps will be flushed next week, as a part of yearly maintenance. Reminders to renew will be given out at that time.

Membership renewals are due now for 2015. We have only a few members who have renewed at this point.

Toland suggests sending out a mass mailer to the membership regarding placement on the Honey Locator and Swarm Locator maps, as we want more involvement. Tilmann will see about doing that task.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, passed.

**MSU Report (Pett and Huang):** No new information was given.

**MDARD Report (Toland):** Toland has been asked to attend a January 21 meeting with Jim Johnson and the MDARD to answer questions regarding the MBA's position on GAAMPS, especially in regards to the recent media attention to the proposed changes.

**Old Business:**

**Spring Conference:** Tilmann told how he has nothing currently on the website that is substantial
content regarding the conference. There is a place for speakers to upload class descriptions.

Ann Leonard presented a page of potential classes that we would like to see last fall. These classes were discussed with the group at length, and Leonard retained the list.

An update of the Michelle Obama appearance was given. No real change, although Tilmann would like to see if Dean Fred Poston or Debbie Stabinow would be able to get additional letters to the White House. No results have come from Governor Snyder's office. Various planning scenarios were discussed regarding the potential of the First Lady's visit and coordinating the Friday evening event.

A rundown of the rooms that we have was given by Toland.

A discussion about MBA tote bags was had with Ottoni making several suggestions. Toland volunteered to pursue them, as well as stuffing materials for them.

A rundown of the class matrix followed.

**HAS Update (Wieske):** Held July 9 to the 11. S. Tilmann graciously accepted the position of Treasurer of HAS. Details on speakers are being worked out. 1000 people are still expected. Starting mid-February, Wieske will be touring all the HAS state associations to garner support.

**Summer Picnic:** Held in Albion on July 11th.

**Fall Conference (Toland):** Toland will get the last contracts for comparison to Leonard and Fauvel to shop for venues.

**MDOT Brochure (Toland):** Cindy and McCarthy have been doing a great job. MDOT will only accept the brochures if they're banded and with a bar code. Klein's have given us this bar code to use. Banding will cost about $75 more.

**Event Planner (Toland):** Due to the holidays and holiday scheduling, no action has been taken. Toland clarified what a planner should do for us. This subject was decided to be tabled until April. Further discussion followed, but it was agreed that we need to do “procedural documentation”, rather than pay for an event planner.

**Correspondence:** Tilmann received a bill from CNA for our board insurance policy, along with some changes.

Meeting adjourned 12:22pm.

**Next meeting for February 7, 2015 at 10am.**